NONPROVISIONAL PATENT **APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)** IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title):

METALLIC SEPARATOR FOR FUEL CELL AND PRODUCTION METHOD

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14 pages of Specification/Claims 1-5/Abstract are attached.

Formal drawings (Fig). 1-6; 3 sheets) are attached.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.

An assignment of the invention to HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.

An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 1 reference.

Priority of foreign application No. 2003-090395 filed March 28, 2003 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

 \boxtimes A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 5 - 20 | = 0 | |
| INDEP CLAIMS | 2 - 3 | _ = 0 | |
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| SMALL ENTITY | | | | |
|--------------|--------|-----------|--|--|
| RATE | FEE | <u>OR</u> | | |
| | \$ 385 | <u>OR</u> | | |
| x 9 = | \$ | <u>OR</u> | | |
| x 43 = | \$ | <u>OR</u> | | |
| +145 = | \$ | <u>OR</u> | | |
| TOTAL | \$ | <u>OR</u> | | |

LARGE ENTITY

| RATE | FEE |
|-------|--------|
| a a | \$ 770 |
| x 18 | \$ |
| x 86 | \$ |
| +290 | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ 770 |

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